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GIRL PROBLEM GROWS

Regarded by Juvenile Protective
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Task.

In a memorial, just from the press in pamphlet form, the Juvenile Protective Society of Virginia sums up for convenient reference the work accomplished by the juvenile division of the City Police Court in the first nine months of its operation, covering the period between April 2 and September 30, 1931. The memorial is addressed to the City Council in support of a plan for an appropriation of \$7,500, with which to continue the work of the court in the coming year.

It appears from the report, which is signed by Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, president of the Juvenile Protective Society of Virginia, that the juvenile court in the first nine months of its operation handled 410 cases of juvenile delinquency, divided as to sex and color as follows: White boys, 187; white girls, 80; negro boys, 132; and negro girls, 60.

Of the 410 cases, 182 fall under the general head, disorderly conduct. The report includes fighting, shooting, cussing, throwing rocks and similar offenses. Assault and battery furnished fifty cases; larceny, 111; housebreaking, seventeen; and violations of city ordinances, twenty-one. Twenty-eight cases are classified as offenses against morality.

Mode of Disposition.
The report calls particular attention to the large number of cases to which corrective punishment has been applied. Of sixty-two children that were committed, fourteen were assigned to the Prison Association of Virginia, ten to the Negro Reformatory Association, twenty to the State Board of Charities and Corrections, ten to the Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls and eight to the Juvenile Protective Society.

Among other dispositions were: Probation, 195; fine, 172; shipped by parent, 10; guardian, 10; discharged, 10; turned over to parents or guardians, 49.

Attention is directed to the fact that of 199 children placed on probation, ninety-one have not since appeared in court. Such a record, it is submitted, is proof of the wisdom of dealing with youthful offenders in the humane way encouraged by the association.

The Young Girl Problem.
A special division of the report is devoted to the work of the juvenile court in caring for young girls who have been guilty of offenses against morality. This phase of its work, it is stated, constitutes the court's biggest and most difficult problem. To quote:

"Almost every day the police are confronted with the problem of what to do with the young girls who parade Broad Street and frequent the moving picture shows. They flirt with the so-called 'men' and 'strike up' acquaintance with strangers and commit offenses which are against the public morals."

For aid in solving this particular problem, the report returns thanks to the good work of the Girls' Auxiliary of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association, and to the services performed by Miss Sarah B. Rolter, as Richmond's first woman probation officer.

Asks for Appropriation.
The memorial concludes with an appeal to the City Council for an appropriation adequate to meet the growing needs of the juvenile court. In support of their plea the members of the Juvenile Protective Society of Virginia offer the following reasons:

"(1) We wish to give every child in Richmond a chance to be tried for the offense with which he is charged without the publicity of a formal court hearing and its inevitable stigma.

"(2) We wish to continue a system which will give a child the chance to reform under probation without being sent to jail.

"(3) We wish facilities which will enable us to take children from their home surroundings and place them where they will be well cared for and educated to useful citizenship.

"(4) We wish adequate means to save from lives of shame young girls who, unless cared for, will inevitably lead such lives.

"(5) We wish to end the disgrace of confining in jail children who may be permanently ruined by contact with hardened criminals.

"The children of to-day are the citizens of to-morrow. They will be precisely what we make them, and will show the effects in maturity of the treatment they receive now. Mercy will be rewarded with manhood and justice with crime."

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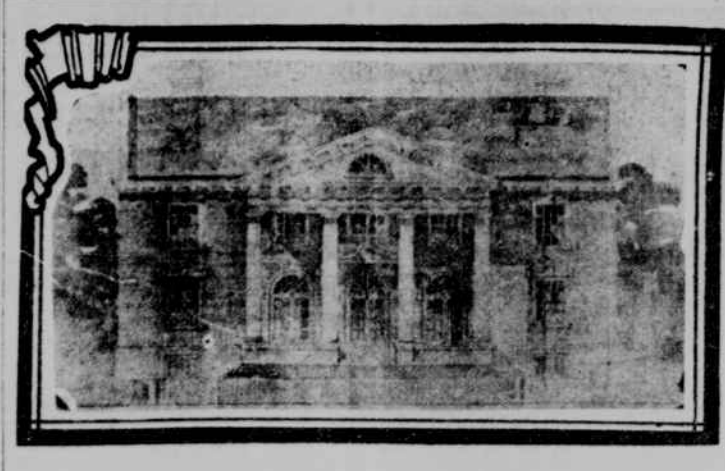
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HAMILTON BREAKS HIS COLLARBONE

Atlantic Coast Line Official and
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Buggy and Injured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Petersburg, Va., February 4.—Alexander Hamilton, vice-president and general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and one of the most prominent citizens of Petersburg, and his daughter, Miss Sarah Hamilton, while out driving last afternoon were both thrown from their trap and injured.

Mr. Hamilton suffered severe shock, and his physician, Dr. E. L. McGill, stated to-night that his collarbone is broken, but that no other injuries are discernible. He is resting easily. Miss Hamilton escaped with slight bruises, but she, too, suffered considerably from shock.

Mr. Hamilton and his daughter were driving home from the Union Station, and when on Sycamore Street between Broad and Tabb Streets, the shaft either broke or dropped loose, causing the horse to jump and throwing the occupants out of the vehicle on to the brick roadway.

Hamilton's Will Help.
The Richmond Howitzers, at last night's meeting, accepted an invitation to attend the George Washington birthday celebration at the City Auditorium. The command will attend in citizens' clothes.

Building Permits.
Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows:
D. L. Toney, to erect one-story detached brick garage, in rear of 1115 Hull Street, to cost \$300.
E. C. Woodward, to erect a detached two-story frame dwelling, 2121 West Main Street, to cost \$2,000.
Henry Beckstoffer, to erect a detached two-story frame dwelling, 2121 West Main Street, to cost \$2,000.

BOWLING
The Cook Printing Co. and the Richmond Lunch teams of the Newport League played a very interesting series on the Newport Alleys last night. The teams had several new men in their line-up. The lunch room boys won the first game in a walk. However, the Cook aggregation came back strong and captured the other two games by a big majority.

RICHMOND LUNCH.
Team. 1 2 3 Total.
Overmann 158 150 175 483
Graves 176 180 186 542
Houchens 187 175 148 510
Lay 182 152 179 513
Blair 179 181 175 535
Burrow 173 146 318

COOK PRINTING CO.
Team. 1 2 3 Total.
Cook 145 171 190 506
Jennings 159 208 211 578
Hayes 140 198 248 586
Van Dine 181 157 158 496
McFarland 228 225 210 663
Bailey 210 210

Monotypes.
Team. 1 2 3 Total.
Helfert 200 201 237 638
Magarian 194 139 159 492
Elliott 125 163 135 423

Admen.
Team. 1 2 3 Total.
Goode 195 144 178 521
Ellis 179 172 140 491
Edeibutt 126 129 133 388

Handicaps.
Team. 1 2 3 Total.
Ladd 108 159 128 405
McGraw 191 98 124 413
Judge 137 94 96 326

Palace Duck Pin League.
Game to-night 8:30 o'clock, Times-Dispatch vs. Alcos.

Standing of Teams.
Team. P. W. L. P. C.
Batts 4 3 0 1.000
Jacobs & Levy 6 5 1 .750
Hanovers 6 1 5 .167
Regal Shoe Co. 2 0 3 .000

SPEECHES BY RICHMOND MEN.
Drs. Williamson and Ray Address Baptist Convention.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Chattanooga, Tenn., February 4.—Before an audience of more than 2,000 delegates to the Laymen's Missionary Convention of Southern Baptists, Drs. R. J. Williamson and T. R. Ray, of Richmond, made leading speeches of the first general session to-night.

His speech, illustrated by a few stereoscopic slides, Dr. Ray held his audience for over an hour. He paid special attention to the need of missions in the United States. It was the first real keynote of the convention and was accepted with great applause.

Dr. Williamson concluded the meeting by a stirring speech which brought the convention to its feet. He showed in a graphic manner the need of more personal mission work.

R. E. Gaines speaks Thursday.

Final Round To-Day.
New York, February 4.—The contest between Jose R. Capablanca and Frank J. Marshall to-morrow in the thirteenth and final round of the national chess masters' tournament will decide the winner of first place. Capablanca, with a score of ten and one-half games won, had half game lead over the United States champion at the conclusion of the twelfth round to-day, in which the Cuban title-holder drew with Chajes, and Marshall defeated Rubinstein.

HELD AS SUSPECT
Negro Believed to Be Implicated in Theft of Billiard Balls.
Hugh Malone, a young negro, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergeants Bailey and Belton and Detective Gentry as a suspicious character, suspected of being implicated in the theft of four sets of ivory pool balls and ten cue balls, valued at about \$250, from the Superior Billiard Parlor, above the Superior Motion

Voice of the People

The Poetic Mission.
Tis to inspire and, by inspiring, live,
The poet sings, and all the world
were dead.

Without his song: his is the magic
touch:
Life-giving power by which our
hearts are led
To higher things above the din of
strife.

The battle of business the world calls
"Life."
By him are empires that have passed
away
Revivified, as with a master's hand,
He summons back the glory of its days.

Its height of power both on sea and
land.
As sung by him in some immortal
strain
Which still survives, though nothing
else remain.

See Greece to-day, aye living Greece
once more,
Altho' long dead; see how her glory
shines
Thro' scores of centuries, serene, secure,
Immortal ever thro' Homer's death-

less lays:
Behold her ships and her embattled
squadrons
In blad' swarm upon the Trojan coast.
And "Lofty Rome," once ruler of the
world,
Whose word was law, whose Senate
gave command,
And her proud eagles at once their
wings unfurled
Above her legions on either sea or
land.

To-day, her glory beyond what con-

quest gives
In matchless numbers of her Virgil
lives.

And Britain, now proud ruler of the
wave,
Whose boast to-day the sun can
never set
On her dominion, her glory in its
young life
She will live on. Mankind will not
forget
That from her loins a race of poets
sprang
That made her deathless in the strains
they sung.

And Robert Burns! What debt of
gratitude
Does Scotland owe to her inspired
bard?
As now in playful, now in serious
mood,
He softens lines of Scotia's visage
hard,
Gives to her dells a sweet, romantic
grace,
And smooths the wrinkles of her
rugged face.

Yet, in what sorrow has the poet
wrought
In all the ages since the world was
young
Unrecognized, unhonored and unsought
Save by the few who felt the strains
he sung,
Yet torch of genius, kindled from on
high,
Shines on and on—its light can never
die.

Poor, blind old world! it but bestows
An excellence that it should strive
to reach:
It stonies the prophet, crucifies the
poet.

Whose only crime was that they
dared to preach
A higher life, a nation's nobler plans,
Than wealth alone or mere material
gain.

DUVAL PORTER.
Cascade.

Do You Believe in Ghosts?
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir—One of your evening contemporaries has an article headed, "Do You Believe in Ghosts?" Nearly everyone would, of course, answer "No." And yet there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in our philosophy.

In spite of all the boasted civilization of our times, there remains with all of us an element of superstition to a greater or lesser degree. Whether with foundation or not, who can say?

A year ago, while an attempt was being made to revive the prestige of the old Exchange Hotel, the writer was in the hotel office on business. Some bystanders asked Mr. A., the clerk, and who was a well known hotel man, whether he knew of a very strange affair which had taken place

Picture Theatre, in Sixth Street, between Broad and Grace.